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The Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Ex parte
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REF: WT Docket No. 96-86

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On November 12, 2002, the National Coordination Committee (NCC) submitted to you a set of recommendations dealing with, *inter alia*, the default Network Access Code (NAC) for radios operating on the VHF and UHF (including 700 MHz and 800 MHz) interoperability channels. That letter also recommended that certain wideband data interoperability channels be limited to 50 kHz operation and that three of those channels should be designated as 50 kHz nationwide common channels. At its meeting on November 22, 2002, the NCC revisited and revised the above recommendations, as discussed below.

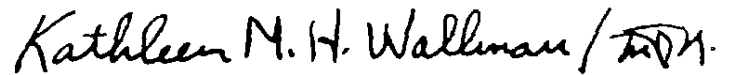
- The NCC now recommends that the 50 kHz-only channels should be spread across two television channels (television channels 63 and 64) instead of one channel (television channel 63) as in the original recommendation. This will allow access to the 50 kHz-only wideband interoperability channels in markets in which television channel 63 spectrum is available for public safety use, but television channel 64 is encumbered by a television station, and vice-versa.
- The NCC initially recommended that hexadecimal Network Access Code (NAC) \$61F be used as a nationwide uniform NAC standard for digital radios operating on the interoperability channels. However, the NCC has learned that radio manufacturers conventionally provide radios with the NAC set to \$293. Accordingly, the NCC now recommends that \$293 be specified in the Commission's Rules as the nationwide uniform NAC.

In order to incorporate these changes in the most efficient manner, I have redrafted the November 12, 2002, letter. In addition to the above-described information, the replacement letter withdraws the NCC recommendation for State Interoperability Executive Committee jurisdiction over certain interoperability channels. I withdrew this recommendation because of an apparent

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need for the NCC to provide additional information on the details of implementing that recommendation. That revised letter, dated December 19, 2002, is attached. Kindly disregard the November 12, 2002, letter.

Respectfully submitted.

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Chair, National Coordination Committee

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